

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1189

Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 2932 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1189, as introduced, Bermudez. Vehicles: motorcycles: rider training programs.

Existing law authorizes the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, through contracts with other public agencies or with private entities, to provide financial or other support to projects aimed at enhancing motorcycle operation or safety, including rider training programs.

This bill, additionally, would authorize the commissioner to provide financial or other support to projects aimed at enhancing both motorcycle operation and safety.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2932 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 2932. The commissioner may, through contracts with other
- 4 public agencies or with private entities, do all of the following:
- 5 (a) Provide financial or other support to projects aimed at
- 6 enhancing motorcycle operation ~~or~~ and safety, including, but not
- 7 limited to, rider training programs. The rider training programs

1 shall comply with criteria which the commissioner, in
2 consultation with other state agencies and national motorcycle
3 safety organizations, may adopt to provide validated rider safety
4 training programs in the state.

5 (b) Sponsor and coordinate efforts aimed at increasing
6 motorists' awareness of motorcyclists.

7 (c) Sponsor research into effective communication techniques
8 to reach all highway users on matters of motorcyclist safety.

9 (d) Establish an advisory committee of persons from other
10 state and local agencies with an interest in motorcycle safety;
11 persons from the motorcycle industry; motorcycle safety
12 organizations; motorcycle enthusiast organizations; and others
13 with an interest in motorcycle safety, to assist in the
14 establishment of a comprehensive program of motorcycle safety.

15 (e) Adopt standards for course content, contact hours,
16 curriculum, instructor training and testing, and instructional
17 quality control, and setting forth a maximum amount for course
18 fees for the novice rider training course specified in subdivision

19 (g) of Section 12804.9.